

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF HEARING AID INSTRUMENT
DISPENSERS AND FITTERS**

September 19, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Sam White called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters to order on Monday September 19, 2005 at 10:13 a.m. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Health and Human Services Systems Regulation and Licensure at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The following Board members, HHSS Staff and visitors were present at the meeting.

Sam White, Chairperson
Margaret Coleman, Secretary -Treasurer
Steve Boney, Professional Member
Evelyn McKnight, Professional Member
Edward Cohn M.D., Otolaryngologist
Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator
Michelle Humlicek, Credentialing Specialist
Bradley Shaff, Assistant Attorney General
(arrived at 10:47 a.m.)

The following Board member was absent:

Kimberly Joyce, Professional Member

Adoption of the Agenda

McKnight moved, seconded by Boney, to adopt the revised agenda. Voting aye: White, Boney, Cohn, McKnight, Coleman. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Boney moved, seconded by McKnight, to approve the minutes for May 3, 2004, June 14, 2005 and July 28, 2005 meetings. Voting aye: Cohn, McKnight Coleman, White and Boney. Voting nay: None. Not voting: None. Motion carried.

REVIEW PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

(Closed Session)

Cohn moved, seconded by Boney, to move into close session at 10:18 a.m. for the purpose of discussing; review of the practical examination. The closed session was called to protect the integrity of the practical examination. Voting aye: McKnight, Coleman, White, Boney and Cohn. Voting nay: None. Not voting: None. Motion carried.

Shaff entered the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Cohn left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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Out of Closed Session

McKnight moved, seconded by Boney, to come out of closed session at 12:47 p.m. Voting aye: Coleman, White, Boney, Cohn and McKnight. Voting nay: None. Not voting: None. Motion carried.

Boney moved, seconded by Joyce, to approve Lynn Reese's practical examination, which was taken in the State of Idaho, as being equivalent to the Nebraska Practical Examination. Voting aye: McKnight, Coleman, White and Boney. Voting nay: None. Cohn, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

McKnight moved, seconded by Boney, approving the reinstatement of Sophia K Wrolstad's license to practice as a hearing aid instrument dispenser and fitter pending Department staff's review of her hours of Continuing Education. Voting aye: Coleman, McKnight, and Boney. Voting nay: None. Cohn, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Hansmeyer suggested that the Board amend the regulations to remove the attestation of Continuing Education for reinstatement applications and instead require submission of Continuing Education proof so they would have to send in their Continuing Education information for the Board's review. The Board will consider the next time they amend the regulations.

UNIFORM LICENSING LAW REWRITE

Hansmeyer reported on some changes for the Uniform Licensing Law rewrite from the ALL Boards member meeting. The reason we are taking out the words "Department " and "license" from the Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters Practice act is because these terms are already defined in the Uniform Licensing Law. If it is in the Uniform Licensing Law, it does not need to be repeated in the Practice Act.

Amend 71-4702 removing "the license needs to be conspicuously posted in the office of a hearing aid instrument dispensers and fitters" because it is not required that the license is posted. The Uniform Licensing Law says the Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser and Fitter has to have his/her license available but it does not need to be posted.

Hansmeyer proposed that we delete from 71-4702 "such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, association, or like organization shall file annually...deems applicable." No one is currently filing with the Department. There has not been any impact with this not being done so Hansmeyer proposed that this is deleted.

Since Reciprocity requirements will be listed in the Uniform Licensing Law Hansmeyer suggested repealing 71-4706. Hansmeyer will check with legal on this.

McKnight commented on 71-4707d "Free of contagious or infectious diseases." She questioned "What are the definitions for infectious and contagious diseases?" Can this be deleted? No other profession has this listed in their practice act. McKnight moved that we ask the department to delete the requirement that the applicant is free of contagious and infectious diseases (71-4707 d) and also 71-4712c be deleted. Boney seconded. Voting aye: Boney, McKnight, Coleman, White, Voting nay: None. Cohn, absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Boney left at 1:18 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next board meeting will be held on May 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Lunch should be order if the meeting is to go past 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer